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COMMUNICATION SYSTEM

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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

According to 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)

Sir:

15 In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and the  
requirements of 37 C.F.R. §1.98, Applicant respectfully requests that a citation  
and examination of the references identified on the attached PTO 1449 form be  
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- (3) the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits.

**REMARKS**

The attached PTO 1449 form lists related art references for the above  
identified application, including those identified in the International Search  
Report, copy of which is enclosed herewith.

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#### EXPLANATION OF RELEVANCE

References AJ-AM and AQ were identified in the International Search Report and categorized in class A, with reference AM being additionally categorized in class P. References AN and AR are in German, but their relevance is adequately discussed in the specification. Full translations of any of the foreign references will be produced upon request of the Examiner.

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